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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company - D.T.E. 04-47

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to the First Set of Information Requests of the Attorney General listed in Attachment A hereto for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. The Company respectfully requests that, for all the reasons stated in the Motion for Confidential Treatment dated April 27, 2004 (the "Motion"), such responses to Attorney General's First Set of Information Requests marked with an asterisk be accorded confidential treatment in that they disclose completely sensitive pricing or transaction matters. Accordingly, the confidential responses are only provided to the Department staff consistent with the Motion and the Attorney General pursuant to the terms of a Nondisclosure Agreement dated April 28, 2004.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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